

Appln. No. 10/577,646
Amdt. dated December 7, 2007
Reply to Office action of September 7, 2007

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please add the attached substitute sheet of drawings for Figures 1a-1c. A marked up copy and a substitute sheet are attached at the end of this response for this purpose. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. The Office Action and cited references have been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 1-21 are patentable over the prior art.

The specification was objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for containing non-idiomatic expressions. The Examiner also asked that the specification be amended to include headings. The specification has been amended, using a substitute specification, to respond to these objections. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to because the features recited in claim 12 were not shown. Corrected drawings are attached. Approval of the substitute drawings, and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended the claims to overcome this rejection. With respect to the rejection of claims 18 and 19, Applicant requests that if this rejection is maintained, the Examiner further explain his objection. Support for this claim is found at least on page 6 of the specification. One of ordinary skill in the art would be able to understand what is being claimed in claims 18 and 19 and how to make and use the invention. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested. If this rejection is maintained in any respect, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to address any remaining issues and advance prosecution.

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In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the proposed amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections of record. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to the effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

Respectfully submitted,

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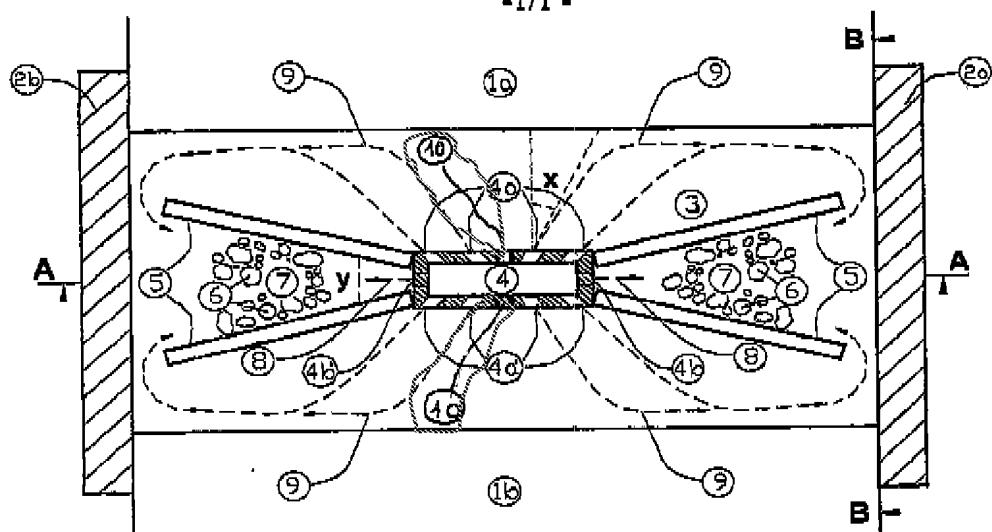


Fig 1a

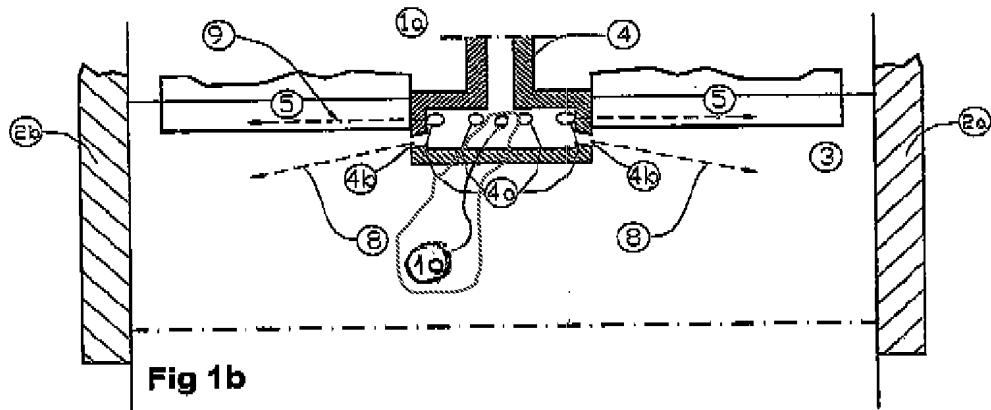


Fig 1b

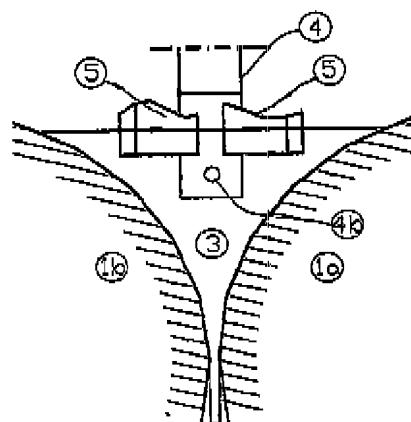


Fig 1c